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Mr. Dominick Ciaraldi Reports Analyst **Federal Election Commission** Washington, D.C. 20463

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C00032334

Reference: Amended 12 Day Pre-General Report (10/1/00-10/18/00) dated 6/5/01

Dear Mr. Ciaraldi:

This letter is in response to the Commission's correspondence dated June 27, 2001 referencing the 12 Day Pre-General Report (10/1/00-10/18/00) dated June 6, 2001. An itemized response to the Commission's questions follows:

- Transfer(s)-in from the National Republican Senatorial Committee were not used for any "exempt" activity as defined in 11 CFR § 100.7(b)(15) and (17). However, some were used for slate mailings as allowed under the law and we classify them as exempt activities since they are exempt from definitions of contributions and expenditures. The slate mailings meet the definition of slate mailing under the law with three candidates listing only the name and office sought.
- A disbursement dated October 12, 2000 purchased Stenberg for Senate yard signs for volunteer activity. Transfers from the national committees were not used for this expenditure--only federal dollars raised by our Committee. This should be reported on Schedule B, Line 21b as other federal expenditures since this is an exempt activity as defined in 11 CFR § 100.7(b)(15).

Please accept this letter as a response to the Commission's concerns. To discuss this issue in detail, please contact Ben Kiser at 402-475-2122. Thank you.

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Dear Ms. Carlson:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule A supporting Line 12 discloses a transfer(s)-in from the National Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) Republican Senatorial Committee. reflects payments categorized as "Exempt". Please be advised that a state or local party committee may pay for campaign materials (such as bumper stickers) that are distributed by volunteers in connection with activity on behalf of the party's nominees in a general election. Payments for this type of activity are exempt from the definition of a contribution or expenditure if certain conditions are met. The conditions are that no public advertising may be used, including distribution by direct mail (mailings by a commercial vendor or from commercial lists); all funds used for the activity must be permitted under the Act; none of the funds used may have been designated for a particular candidate; and finally, payments for the activity may not be made from transfers-in from the national committee to specifically fund the activity. For further guidance, please refer to 11 CFR § 100.7(b)(15) and (17) and to the Campaign Guide for Party Committees.

Please clarify the nature of the transfer(s)-in and subsequent payments for the aforementioned disbursement(s). If the activity disclosed on your report does not meet the definition of "exempt" activity as described above and if any portion of the expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified candidates, that amount must be disclosed on Schedule B or F supporting Line 23 or 25 of the Detailed Summary Page as appropriate

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

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